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## **DETAILED ACTION**

## Allowable Subject Matter

- 1. Claims 3, 9, 15, and 19-24 are allowed.
- 2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art taken either singularly or in combination fails to anticipate or fairly suggest the limitations of the independent claim, in such a manner that a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102 or 103 would be proper. The prior art fails to teach a combination of all the claimed features as presented in independent claims 19-24, with the allowable features being: uneven face is composed of plating layer whose surface is rough (claims 19-21); uneven face is composed by roughing the surface of said elastic supporting member by etching (claims 22-24). Therefore, claims 3, 9, 15, and 19-24 are allowed.
- 3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

## Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jerry Fang whose telephone number is 5712726013. The examiner can normally be reached on 10-8.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ricky Mack can be reached on 5712722333. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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